

EXERCISE: EVALUATING WATERSHED-BASED NONPOINT SOURCE PLANS

You will be asked to review this watershed management plan, the *St. Joseph Watershed Initiative Watershed Plan*, for three specific elements (**check off your three elements from the list below**):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. Identify causes & sources of pollution | <input type="checkbox"/> e. Develop education component |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. Estimate load reductions expected | <input type="checkbox"/> f. Develop schedule |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. Describe management measures
& targeted critical areas | <input type="checkbox"/> g. Describe interim, measurable milestones |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. Estimate technical and financial
assistance needed | <input type="checkbox"/> h. Identify indicators to measure progress |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> i. Develop a monitoring component |

1. On what page or under what section title do you find your three elements?

Element 1:

Element 2:

Element 3:

2. Are the 3 elements clearly identified within the *St. Joseph Watershed Initiative Watershed Plan*, or is it difficult to find them?

Element 1:

Element 2:

Element 3:

3. Does this plan sufficiently address each of your 3 elements, (e.g., Estimate load reductions expected; Develop a monitoring component)? Why or why not?

Element 1:

Element 2:

Element 3:

4. For each element that is not well-addressed, what could be done better?

5. If at the time of writing the watershed management plan, it is not clear how to address one of your three elements, how would you still include it in the plan?

6. If you were hired tomorrow as the watershed manager for the St. Joseph Watershed Initiative, what specific targets/measures would you need to evaluate your progress thus far, and to determine what needs to be done in the next two-year workplan?

(1) For assessment activities

(2) For management actions

(3) For actions to monitor or measure progress

(4) For public outreach and education activities